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FIRE EXTINGUISHER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING ACCOUNT
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2004

Committee Goal: To provide a means of communication between the Office of the State Fire Marshal, representatives of industry, the public and the fire service; and to seek comments and specific views on proposed regulations and intended future action.

Meeting Attendees

Mike Waldron, Program Coordinator
Pat Sanchez Vice Chairperson
Yevonne Costa Program Assistant
Mike Brand, Brandco Fire Equipment
Chris Hoiland, CALSAFE
Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment
Chris Gilbert, Simplex Grinnell
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Equipment
Allen Quirk, Industry Representative
Randy Dysart, Beacon Fire and Safety

Members Absent

Barry Sigal, Industry Representative
Scott Corrin
David Dewey

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from October 29, 2002 were approved as written.

Old Business- Work Group Issues

- **Written Estimates**- no change to current text
- **Itemized Invoices**- no change to current text
- **Returned Parts**- no change to current text
- **Replacement of Extinguishers**- changes made to current text are below:

Original Proposed Regulation Change:

591.5 Replacement Extinguisher. Portable fire extinguishers shall not be removed from the premises for hydrostatic testing or any other purpose, without first replacing the extinguisher with a comparable unit of equal quality in accordance with section 575.1

Recommendation:

591.5 Replacement Extinguisher. Portable fire extinguishers shall not be removed from the premises for hydrostatic testing or any other purpose, without first replacing the extinguisher with a ~~comparable unit~~ -properly rated for the hazard being protected. Portable fire extinguishers provided as a temporary replacement shall not be left as a permanent unit or for longer than sixty(60) days.

Thirty Day Service Consideration

Revisions made to current text:

575.1 (h) ~~Annual service-maintenance or recharging shall not be performed more than 30 days prior to before the due date for annual the maintenance, service or recharge is due without written permission from the owner or possessor of the fire extinguisher prior to service.~~ This section shall not rule out the maintenance required by Section 575.1 (a)

Recommendation:

575.1(h) ~~Annual maintenance or recharging~~ Service shall not be performed more than 30 days before the date ~~the maintenance, service, or recharge~~ service is due, unless approved and initialed by the owner or owner's representative in writing. Text must be capital letter in at least 10 pt Roman boldface type or legible printing of comparable size stating that service was performed more than 30 days prior to due date. ~~This shall not rule out the maintenance required by Section 575.1(a)~~

575.4 Dry Chemical and Dry Powder Portable Fire Extinguishers

Member Brand and Member Hoiland brought forth changes to the existing text **regarding calibrated scales**

575.4 Dry Chemical and Dry Powder Portable Fire Extinguishers

Current version of 575.4 (5)

Cartridges of every cartridge-operated extinguisher shall be weighed annually . The minimum graduation for the scale shall not be larger than 1/100 of the cartridge being weighed and shall be accurate to plus or minus one scale graduation. Scales used in commercial applications (legal for trade) shall comply with Section 12500(a) and 12501.1 of the California Business and Professions Code and Section 4000, Title 4, of the California Code of Reg. Straight faced spring scales (i.e. fish scales) shall not be used.

Recommended Change of 575.4(5)

Cartridges of every cartridge-operated extinguisher shall be weighed annually in accordance with manufacturers recommendations . ~~The minimum graduation for the scale shall not be larger than 1/100 of the cartridge being weighed and shall be accurate to plus or minus one scale graduation. Scales used in commercial applications (legal for trade) shall comply with Section 12500(a) and 12501.1 of the California~~

~~Business and Professions Code and Section 4000, Title 4, of the California Code of Reg. Straight-faced spring scales (i.e. fish scales) shall not be used.~~

Justification: The “Legal for Trade” scales prescribed by California Codes and Regulations are not required for maintenance checks of portable fire extinguishers.

Ongoing Work Group Issues

Inmate C of R
Expanded Testing
C of R Ongoing Training
Requirement for Low-Pressure Equipment
6-year Maintenance Hydro labels
Maintenance Tag Size
Mobile Service Vehicles

New Business

Looking for another member for the advisory committee to represent California Department of Corrections. Possibly Fire Chief Mike Winfield from Folsom State Prison. Mike will contact Chief Winfield to ask about his willingness to participate as a member of this advisory committee.

Next Meeting

The next meeting date is set for April 14, 2004. Meetings tentatively set for 10 a.m. in the State Fire Marshal's headquarters conference room in Sacramento. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.